Life in the Army

**Student Directions**: As you read about the lives of ordinary soldiers, make notes about the daily life in the military during the Civil War

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| Who fought |
| How they were trained |
| What hardships they endured |
| How new technology affected soldiers |

Complete the chart below:

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| The Typical Civil War Soldier | |
| Age |  |
| Occupation |  |
| Training |  |
| Hardships |  |

Which hardship do you think would have been most difficult to endure? Why?

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| What were the characteristics and background of a typical soldier? |  |
| What obstacles did the African Americans who wanted to serve face? |  |
| Why did so many men volunteer? |  |
| What training did soldiers receive? |  |
| Why did both armies have problems providing food, clothing, and shoes for their soldiers? |  |
| What were the major causes of widespread sickness in army camps? |  |
| How did scientific ignorance contribute to the spread of disease? |  |
| What effect did changes in weapons have on the way war was fought? |  |
| What contributed to the high casualty rate in the Civil War? |  |
| Why were ironclads better than wooden warships? |  |

Reflection/Closure: What were the motives that led individual soldiers to fight in the Civil War?